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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,084,022, issued to Claude, dated January 28, 1992.

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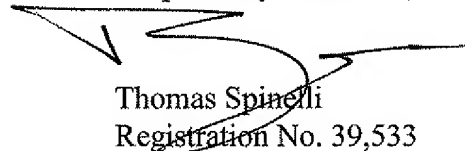

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The reference was cited in an Official Action dated April 11, 2008 received from the Chinese Patent Office. A copy of the above-cited reference is not required under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). Applicant is submitting a copy of the Office Action. The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action. Please note that the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, U.S. Patent No. 6,117,528, issued to Gregory, dated September 12, 2000, was previously submitted in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated January 23, 2008.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant also submits the requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to § 1.17(p) by authorization to charge deposit account number 19-1013/SSMP.

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